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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Office Directors and NIOs
FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator
SUBJECT : Presidential Briefing Topics for 20 June and Later

1. The 14 June Presidential Briefing was devoted to briefings in preparation for the President's trip to Panama in addition to some administrative and operational matters.
2. The following topics are nominated for the 20 June Presidential Briefing:
 - A. Soviet Economy
 - B. Law of the Sea
3. The following topics are in various stages of preparation for future Presidential Briefings. The responsible officer and tentative briefing dates, if known, are shown:
 - A. Monitoring Arms Control Agreements (PBC)
 - B. PRC-Vietnam Relations (NIO/EAP)
 - C. Korean Military Update (NIO/EAP-OSR)
 - D. Role of Evacuation in Soviet Civil Defense (OSR)
 - E. Thailand (NIO/EAP)
 - F. Bonn Economic Summit (NIO/PE) 11 July
 - G. FRG-USSR Relations (NIO/WE) 11 July
 - H. Military Lessons for Southern Africa Learned from Performance of Soviet and Cuban Forces in the Angolan & Ethiopian Campaigns (NIO/AF)
 - I. US-USSR Technical Collection Comparison (NITC-OWI)
 - J. Egypt's Water Problems and Use of Computer Simulation Model to Assess Future Alternative Water Management Strategies (OGCR)
 - K. Soviet Air Defense Systems (OWI)
 - L. Pakistan (NIO/NESA) 27 June
 - M. Nuclear Power in the LDCs (OER)
 - N. US-USSR Arms Transfer Comparison (OER)
 - O. Sino-Soviet Relations (NIO/CH-NIO/USSR) 5-6 July
 - P. Chinese Plans to Increase Science and Technology Capability (OSI)
 - Q. Prospects of Nuclear Terrorist Threats from Abroad (NIO/NP)

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4. The following topics have been proposed as possible future topics for Presidential Briefings. These topics have not yet been approved by D/NFAC. After D/NFAC approval of the topic, the responsible officer will be asked to provide an outline for the DCI's approval. Preparation of the draft briefing starts after the outline is approved.

- A. European Community Political Evolution
- B. Submarine Detection and Tracking
- C. Soviet Planning
- D. PRC Foreign Economic Policy
- E. Libya

5. Basic preparation work has been completed on the following briefings. They are being held awaiting an appropriate opportunity to use them. Then the responsible officer will be contacted by the PBC for a last-minute review and update of the briefing. Responsible officers are requested to inform the PBC if these topics are to be treated in the PDB, NID or other intelligence publication so that the briefings can be canceled or modified as appropriate.

- A. Covert Communications (OTS)
- B. Soviet Forced Labor (OGCR)
- C. [redacted]
- D. Soviet Microelectronics: Civilian & Military Use (OSI-OER)
- E. Soviet ECCM (OWI)
- F. Estimating SLBM Effectiveness--A Soviet and US Comparison (OWI)
- G. Caribbean-Mexican Illegal Migration (OER)

6. The following topics have been dropped from the list of active topics for the reasons indicated:

- A. French Intervention Forces in Africa. Covered adequately in publications.
- B. Chinese Research Ship Operations in 1978. Higher priority topics will preclude this being covered.
- C. Soviet Performance During the Cosmos 954 Event. No longer sufficiently timely to be used.

7. Because a substantial number of topics are in preparation the routine submission of briefing topic nominations will be held in abeyance for three weeks. The D/ORPA, D/OCR and NIOs NP, NESA and LA will be requested to submit nominations for use in August during the week of 10 July.

8. A tentative schedule for major topic preparation is attached.



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TENTATIVE MAJOR TOPIC PREPARATION SCHEDULE

| <u>Week of</u> | <u>Backup Material to DCI on:</u> | <u>DCI/NFAC Meeting on:</u> | <u>Presidential Briefing on:</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12 June | Pakistan Arms Control Monitoring | Soviet Actions to Cope with Economic Problems | Nicaragua Panama |
| 19 June | Sino-Soviet Relations | (none) | Soviet Actions to Cope with Economic Problems Law of the Sea |
| 26 June | Bonn Economic Summit FRG-USSR Relations | Sino-Soviet Relations | Pakistan |
| 3 July | Nuclear Terrorism | (none) | Sino-Soviet Relations |
| 10 July | Military Lesson for Southern Africa | Around-the-table with NIOs | Bonn Economic Summit FRG-USSR Relations |
| 17 July | ? | Military Lessons for Southern Africa | Nuclear Terrorism Soviet Air Defense |

Filler material is or will be available on the following topics:

-Soviet Forced Labor
 -Covert Communications
 [redacted]

-Soviet ECCM
 -Soviet Air Defense
 -Thailand

-Soviet Microelectronics: Civilian & Military Use
 -Nuclear Power in the LDCs
 -Estimating SLBM Effectiveness
 -US-USSR Technical Collection Comparison
 -Caribbean-Mexican Illegal Migration
 -Egypt's Water Problems
 -Chinese Plans for S&T Capability

Note that this schedule is tentative. It will be revised weekly and major changes may take place from week to week.